

TABLE 1. Federal obligations for research and development, by character of work, and for R&D plant: FY 1951–2011
(Dollars in thousands)

Fiscal year	Total	Total R&D	Basic research	Applied research	Development	R&D plant
1951	1,851,571	1,521,527	NA	NA	NA	330,044
1952	2,216,848	1,909,665	120,945	NA	NA	307,183
1953	2,167,456	1,919,543	115,997	NA	NA	247,913
1954	1,918,046	1,761,840	116,033	NA	NA	156,206
1955	2,251,894	2,044,593	130,068	NA	NA	207,301
1956	3,266,903	2,988,203	206,441	645,506	2,136,256	278,700
1957	4,389,237	3,932,001	262,348	662,199	3,007,454	457,236
1958	4,906,015	4,569,722	334,543	744,264	3,490,915	336,293
1959	7,122,610	6,693,510	465,981	874,272	5,353,257	429,100
1960	8,080,015	7,551,746	590,374	1,282,135	5,679,237	528,269
1961	9,607,023	9,058,623	814,513	1,663,431	6,580,679	548,400
1962	11,069,059	10,289,947	986,314	2,018,481	7,285,152	779,112
1963	13,662,879	12,494,611	1,151,753	2,356,150	8,986,708	1,168,268
1964	15,323,870	14,225,354	1,303,000	2,571,452	10,350,902	1,098,516
1965	15,745,852	14,614,249	1,435,469	2,811,761	10,367,019	1,131,603
1966	16,178,640	15,320,334	1,579,181	3,081,066	10,660,087	858,306
1967	17,149,186	16,529,099	1,845,847	2,785,543	11,897,709	620,087
1968	16,525,038	15,921,208	1,840,562	2,940,500	11,140,146	603,830
1969	16,309,900	15,640,888	1,944,773	2,700,117	10,995,998	669,012
1970	15,863,385	15,338,937	1,925,908	2,974,890	10,438,139	524,448
1971	16,153,756	15,542,512	1,980,141	3,143,030	10,419,341	611,244
1972	17,097,951	16,495,895	2,186,937	3,360,759	10,948,199	602,056
1973	17,574,486	16,800,153	2,232,006	3,349,423	11,218,724	774,333
1974	18,176,457	17,410,128	2,387,681	3,787,559	11,234,888	766,329
1975	19,859,548	19,038,818	2,588,427	4,141,281	12,309,110	820,730
1976	21,616,382	20,779,658	2,767,454	4,851,878	13,160,326	836,724
1977	24,817,577	23,450,377	3,258,640	5,255,475	14,936,262	1,367,200
1978	27,140,849	25,845,137	3,698,604	5,908,154	16,238,379	1,295,712
1979	29,620,597	28,145,142	4,192,665	6,342,340	17,610,137	1,475,455
1980	31,386,095	29,830,432	4,674,156	6,923,222	18,233,054	1,555,663
1981	34,589,634	33,103,924	5,041,295	7,171,485	20,891,144	1,485,710
1982	37,822,363	36,432,589	5,481,605	7,540,580	23,410,404	1,389,774
1983	40,009,032	38,711,537	6,260,131	7,993,394	24,458,012	1,297,495
1984	44,012,149	42,224,865	7,067,359	7,911,414	27,246,092	1,787,284
1985	50,180,369	48,359,565	7,818,682	8,314,739	32,226,144	1,820,804
1986	52,951,181	51,412,364	8,153,076	8,349,123	34,910,165	1,538,817
1987	57,099,656	55,253,693	8,942,425	8,998,096	37,313,172	1,845,963
1988	58,826,512	56,769,425	9,473,618	9,176,527	38,119,280	2,057,087
1989	63,571,605	61,406,484	10,602,011	10,163,520	40,640,953	2,165,121
1990	65,831,189	63,559,471	11,285,593	10,336,771	41,937,107	2,271,718
1991	64,147,951	61,295,152	12,170,794	11,797,583	37,326,775	2,852,799
1992	68,577,184	65,592,590	12,489,864	12,000,734	41,101,992	2,984,594
1993	70,414,697	67,314,025	13,399,121	13,491,376	40,423,528	3,100,672
1994	69,450,776	67,235,390	13,523,476	13,887,733	39,824,181	2,215,386
1995	70,442,935	68,186,798	13,877,031	14,557,365	39,752,402	2,256,137
1996	69,399,164	67,653,047	14,464,035	13,795,729	39,393,283	1,746,117
1997	71,753,430	69,826,779	14,941,892	14,423,397	40,461,490	1,926,651
1998	73,913,988	72,100,724	15,613,012	15,309,257	41,178,455	1,813,264
1999	77,386,368	75,340,622	17,443,653	16,083,861	41,813,108	2,045,746
2000	80,403,169	75,910,322	19,569,849	18,900,781	37,439,692	4,492,847
2001	88,562,348	84,492,520	21,958,136	22,755,600	39,778,784	4,069,828
2002	98,013,347	93,708,604	23,668,345	24,338,366	45,701,893	4,304,743
2003	107,793,778	103,527,260	24,751,441	26,320,402	52,455,417	4,266,518
2004	116,068,604	112,074,452	26,120,663	27,237,148	58,716,641	3,994,152
2005	122,618,991	118,847,864	27,140,335	26,597,910	65,109,619	3,771,127

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2006	123,854,731	121,729,949	26,584,592	26,951,058	68,194,299	2,124,782
2007	129,431,246	127,262,861	26,865,786	27,227,779	73,169,296	2,168,385
2008	129,049,527	127,105,666	27,153,966	26,739,712	73,211,988	1,943,861
2009	136,996,492	133,348,969	32,877,860	30,830,948	69,640,161	3,647,524
2010 (preliminary)	140,496,497	136,426,026	32,051,646	33,198,420	71,175,961	4,070,471
2011 (preliminary)	130,241,449	127,786,638	30,083,418	30,288,947	67,414,273	2,454,811

NA = not available; data were not collected at this level of detail.

NOTES: From FY 2000 through FY 2007, Department of the Air Force (AF) did not report BA 6.7 Operational Systems Development data because the agency misunderstood reporting requirements. During volume 57 (FY 2007–09) data collection cycle, AF edited prior-year data from FY 2000 to FY 2007 to include BA 6.7 Operational Systems Development data.

In FY 2000, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) reclassified Space Station as a physical asset, reclassified Space Station Research as equipment, and transferred funding for the program from R&D to R&D plant. In FY 2006, NASA reclassified as operational costs funding for Space Operations, Hubble Space Telescope, Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, and James Webb Space Telescope previously reported as R&D plant. In FY 2000, National Institutes of Health reclassified all its development activities as research.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Federal Funds for Research and Development.